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SUBJECT: IRISH RESPONSE TO OECD GOVERNANCE REFORM DEMARCHE

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On July 8, Post delivered reftel demarche to James McIntyre, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) First Secretary for EU Common Policies and the OECD. McIntyre said that the GOI agreed with USG points on the urgent need to make the OECD a better governed, more effective organization. Ireland, however, favors a Working Party on governance reform that is fully inclusive, i.e., open to participation by all OECD members, not simply representative of members' interests. McIntyre noted that buy-in to comprehensive reforms depended on opportunities for input by all OECD members through the Working Party mechanism. Ireland also supports the Working Party's prerogative to draw on outside expertise in its work. McIntyre said that proposals for a parallel group to interact with outside experts would cause unnecessary delays.
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